

The faculty of the accredited Clinical Psychology Program at Western Michigan University (WMU) seeks qualified students for training in the doctoral (Ph.D.) program. We especially encourage members of historically underrepresented groups, including ethnic and racial minorities and people with disabilities to apply.

Minimum criteria for admission are a bachelor’s degree with a major in psychology or a related area, GPA of 3.0, GRE scores (verbal + quantitative) in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher, and strong letters of recommendation from three sources. Compatibility with program philosophy and faculty research interests weigh heavily in decisions. Average credentials of our most recent incoming classes were: GPA 3.72, GRE 306. Any exceptions to the stated criteria are subject to approval of the psychology faculty at large.

The program strives to give all admitted students financial support in the form of an assistantship for the first three years of the program. Financial support for additional years is not guaranteed but is often available. Students are also encouraged to apply for university programs (i.e., graduate college fellowships, Thurgood Marshall Awards and King/Chavez/Parks Fellowships for members of underrepresented groups). See details at <http://www.wmich.edu/grad/finance.html>

**PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY**

The Clinical Psychology Program at WMU is designed to provide broad clinical training utilizing a scientist-practitioner model. Graduates are competent to function in a variety of professional roles including research, practice, and college teaching. The balance of research and practice is obtained in part by practicum and research training within an on-site clinic, as well as practical experience in community agencies and research activities within faculty members’ independent laboratories. The orientation of the program is decidedly behavioral with an emphasis on empirical research and evidence-based practice. All students are exposed to the broad content areas of the field.

The Program offers a Ph.D. degree. A masters degree is earned in the process; however, all students are permitted to complete the requirements for the doctorate only insofar as their performance merits continuance in the program. The program is planned as a six-year curriculum with the sixth year comprising the doctoral internship.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology has been accredited by APA since 1991 (Commission on Accreditation, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; Phone: 202-336-5979).

The Ph.D. program requires successful completion of 95 credit hours of academic work, including practica, internship, advanced doctoral coursework, a comprehensive examination, a thesis, and a dissertation. Students must finish a 750-hour pre-doctoral practicum and a 2000-hour pre-doctoral internship in an approved healthcare setting.

**CORE FACULTY**

**Amy L. Damashek (Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia, 2007)**

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Dr. Amy Damashek is an Associate Professor of Psychology. Her research focuses on the promotion of young children’s safety and well-being via prevention of unintentional child injuries and child maltreatment. Specifically, her work focuses on: the role of parenting behaviors in preventing unintentional child injuries; interventions to reduce injuries; and examination of ways to improve services for at-risk families and children. She is particularly interested in interventions that support low-income families. Clinically, Dr. Damashek is well-versed in evidence-based psychotherapies for children and families. She teaches courses in abnormal child psychology, child behavior therapy, lifespan development, and psychological assessment.

**Scott T. Gaynor (Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2000; Co-Director of Clinical Training)**

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Dr. Scott Gaynor is a Professor of Psychology and a licensed clinical psychologist. He completed his internship and a NIMH post-doctoral fellowship at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA. He teaches courses in child development, child psychopathology, and psychotherapy. Dr. Gaynor also directs the Behavior Research and Therapy Laboratory, which conducts treatment process and outcome research (often with children and adolescents) using cognitive-behavioral and contemporary behavior therapies.

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Dr. Amy Naugle is a Professor of Psychology and licensed psychologist. She completed her clinical internship and NIMH Post-Doctoral Fellowship at National Crime Victim’s Center and Charleston Consortium, Medical University of South Carolina. Her primary research interests include transdiagnostic processes (i.e., emotion regulation and experiential avoidance) related to adverse experiences, psychological and interpersonal factors associated with physical and sexual victimization, and contemporary behavior therapies.

**ASSOCIATED FACULTY**

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Dr. Wayne Fuqua is a Professor of Psychology and the Chair of the Psychology Department. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He teaches courses in behavioral medicine, behavioral approaches to treatment, and behavior analysis research methodology. His research interests include: the management of health risk behaviors; treatment of habit disorders; developmental disabilities; and functional assessment and analysis. He is the director of the Behavioral Medicine Lab and a frequent contributor to behavior analysis and behavior therapy journals.

DISCLOSURE DATA

For detailed information about the WMU Clinical Psychology Program please see data provided at the following web address:

<http://wmich.edu/psychology/academics/graduate/clinical>

CONTACT US

To request an application, please call Admissions at (269) 387-2000 or apply online at <http://www.wmich.edu/apply/graduate/application>. Admission is offered for fall semester only. For information about the Clinical Psychology program and its faculty, please call the Department of Psychology at (269) 387-4500 or visit us on the World Wide Web at <http://www.wmich.edu/psychology>

ABOUT WMU

WMU is one of the nation's premier student-centered research universities drawing students from throughout the state, across the nation, and around the world. Founded in 1903, WMU is:

- The **Carnegie Foundation** classifies WMU as a higher-research doctoral university
- **U.S. News & World Report** has designated WMU as one of America's best national universities consecutively since 2011.
- Host to chapters of **Phi Beta Kappa** Honor Society and **Psi Chi** (the National Honor Society in Psychology).
- The **Sustainable Endowments Institute** named WMU one of the country's six winners of 2015 Best of GRITS—Green Revolving Investment Tracking System—awards, honoring the University as the large institution with the most carbon emissions saved to date.

For more general information about WMU, visit [www.wmich.edu/about](http://www.wmich.edu/about) or call (269) 387-8400

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FACTS ABOUT THE WMU  
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- Clinical and research interests in
  - Anxiety Disorders/PTSD
  - Behavioral Health in Primary Care
  - Behavioral Medicine
  - Behavioral Pediatrics
  - Child Injury & Maltreatment
  - Depression
  - Habit Behaviors
  - Interpersonal Victimization
  - Emotion Regulation/Experiential Avoidance
  - Psychotherapy Process & Outcomes of Contemporary Behavioral Therapies

WHERE ARE OUR GRADUATES?

- Academic Faculty Positions
- Clinical Faculty Positions at
  - Medical Schools
  - Veterans Administration Medical Centers
- Private Practice

WMU is committed to providing equal access to *all* students. Toward this goal, WMU offers programs and support for students, including those with special needs, in achieving their educational and career objectives. For more information visit:

- <https://wmich.edu/multicultural/>
- <https://wmich.edu/disabilityservices>